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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 10226

1. I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE EFFECT THE RESUMPTION OF AID TO PAKISTAN (REFTEL) WOULD HAVE ON THE FRENCH. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I THINK IT IS STILL PREMATURE TO ASSUME THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATE ASSURANCES THAT THE EXISTING FRENCH-PAKISTAN CONTRACT WILL NOT BE CARRIED OUT. NEITHER THE GOF NOR THE GOP HAVE TOLD US THE CONTRACT IS DEAD. THE QUAI AND PRESIDENT GISCARD ARE SYMPATHETIC TO A STRATEGY OF DELAY (PERHAPS EVEN CANCELLATION); THE UNSTABLE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE QUAI TO ARGUE THAT THE FRENCH SHOULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMITMENTS NOW. BUT I ALSO HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT COME TO A FIRM DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED, AND INDEED ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO.

2. IN THE SECOND PLACE, TO RESUME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WITHOUT ANY POSITIVE MOVEMENT ON REPROCESSING FROM PAKISTAN WOULD SUGGEST TO THE FRENCH THAT WE MAY NOT
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BE AS SERIOUS AS WE SAY ABOUT THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE AND THAT WE ARE SQUANDERING POTENTIAL LEVERAGE WITHOUT ANY VISIBLE RETURN. MOREOVER, SINCE THE FRENCH HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE COUNTING ON US TO USE ON PAKISTAN WHATEVER LEVERAGE DERIVES FROM OUR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP, BY APPEARING TO IGNORE FRENCH DESIRES WE COULD WEAKEN

THE HAND OF THOSE WITHIN THE GOF WHO SHARE OUR NON-
PROLIFERATION CONCERN.

3. IN ADDITION, WERE WE TO ANNOUNCE RESUMPTION OF
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN BEFORE THE REPROCESS-
ING ISSUE IS SETTLED, THE ASSUMPTION ON THE HILL AND
ON THE PRESS WOULD BE THAT THE REPROCESSING ISSUE
HAS BEEN RESOLVED IN TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO US NON-
PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES. SINCE THAT IS NOT YET THE
CASE, THIS SEEMS AN UNTENABLE POSITION.

4. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT REOPEN THE
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE QUESTION AT THIS POINT AND THAT,
IF THE US IS CONSIDERING RESUMING ASSISTANCE, WE
CONSULT WITH THE FRENCH BEFORE DOING SO.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO ISLAMABAD.
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